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NEWS SUMMARY

On August 29, 2003, United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that the Honorable Lynn S. Adelman, United States District Court Judge, had sentenced Michael K. Faust f/k/a Kenneth Botsch (3/3/67), formerly of Franksville, Wisconsin, to spend 63 months in federal prison for firearms violations. Faust also was ordered to spend three years on supervised release following his release from prison. During his term of supervised release, Faust also was ordered to have no association or contact with any white supremacist groups.

United States Attorney Biskupic explained the following. In January 2003, a grand jury indicted Faust on five counts of being a felon in possession of firearms, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and one count of possessing a sawed-off shotgun with an obliterated serial number, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(h). Earlier this summer, Faust entered guilty pleas to Counts One and Six of the indictment.

The charges related to 15 firearms and over 700 rounds of ammunition found at Faust's home in December 2002. The firearms included the following:

Firearm Description	Location
Poly-Tech, Inc. AKS-762 assault rifle	Trap compartment in interior stairs of home
Remington 7400 .30-06 semiautomatic rifle	Bedroom on upper floor of home
Rossi .44 magnum lever action rifle	Bedroom on upper floor of home
Taurus .44 magnum revolver	Concealed in pipe near barn
Ruger Mark II .22 semi-automatic pistol	Concealed in pipe near barn
Colt 1991A1 .45 semi-automatic pistol	Hidden in dog kennel
Taurus PT92 9 mm pistol	Hidden in dog kennel
Smith & Wesson 67 .38 revolver	Bedroom on main floor of home
.12 gauge, sawed-off shotgun w/ 15" barrel	Hidden in pipe under rock pile on property

Special Agent in Charge David Mitchell of the Federal Bureau of Investigation noted that this is a fine example of how the FBI, United States Attorney's Office, state and local law enforcement officials have successfully worked together to focus on groups and individuals who engage in criminal activity.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Racine Police Department. The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling for prosecution.

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